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OJ0, MARKET REEF (Press Release - FINAL RUN AT MARKET REEF LIGHTHOUSE):

Helsinki - October 10, 2011
The following report came from Martti, OH2BH / OJ0X.
--- 73 Jarmo OH2BN
---------- Monday morning, October 10th
OJ0X: FINAL RUN AT MARKET REEF LIGHTHOUSE

When OJ0X was set to be active for four weeks with a string of operators, some targets were outlined. With a target of 50.000 QSOs, it was estimated that some specials could be done with an always changing propagation. These were RTTY and higher bands, such as 10M and 12M, still needed by most. Also a huge effort was put into low-band antennas by Dieter, DL3DXX and Ilmo, OH2BO. Yes, the 50K mark was passed, and you can look at the results at

http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=OJ0X

with some of the latest logs still to be uploaded. Thanks are due to Nigel, G3TXF; Carsten, DL6LAU and Pertti, OH2PM for their efforts. They all missed Market Reef because of weather related schedule issues.

The always popular QRZ.COM callsign database was augmented with an OJ0X record, with the website normally attracting people as a matter of course. The added OJ0X feature became quite popular, now in a different way, with a total of more than 100.000 visits registered. Thanks are due to Mario, 9H5QB and Vlad, UA6JD who did a superb job. See their labor of love at

http://www.qrz.com/db/OJ0X

It was also decided to integrate a humorous segment into the website in the shape of four fictitious monks living in harmony with the DXpedition in a remote outpost. While it was hopefully entertaining, it also unveiled some mysteries always looming on the horizon during a DXpedition. Just go and visit the lonely monks at

http://www.qrz.com/db/OJ0X#mnk

By way of contrast, the four solitary monks had two wonderful ladies helping to make all the practicalities work, in addition to the more than 50.000 QSOs. While we thank the Finnish Lighthouse Society (FLS) for their overall cooperation, we would also like to recognize Teija Sjöholm and Liisa Oksanen as great companions and hope that they will not suffer the Stockholm Syndrome for Zero X-ray. For all the press releases and Monk's Diary, Jarmo, OH2BN provided great help, being at the end of a very sporadic data connection.

As our ordeal has now come to an end with an again worsening weather, we hope that our skillful captain, Mats Sjöström will take us off the island first thing Tuesday morning. Fun as it was, our adventure now comes to a conclusion. But the good news is that Harri, OH6VM/OJ0VM will come to Market Reef for a one-month stay as the renovated lighthouse needs to be looked after and kept dry. Harri will use the two stations and antennas that we may have to leave behind since our group is scheduled to be taken off by a small outboard boat. See daily FLS reporting at

http://www.majakkaseura.fi/fin/market/marketin_paivakirja_2011/
where the OJ0X group is covered extensively.

And, if everything jells, we may send out another small team to activate Market Reef for the first time in the CQWW SSB contest in a few weeks while hopefully taking our equipment out before the sea starts to freeze over. It is hoped that OJ0-land will be kept as another target location also in 2012 for those who want to experience DXotica at its best. We would like thank FLS chairman Pekka Vaisanen and the FLS Market Reef chair lady, Angela Eriksson, for their great cooperation.

Finally, these expeditions would not happen without those thousands of individuals who give us a reason to go to rare places and hopefully provide an enjoyable show on our Broadway -- the radio waves.

The year 2011 soon comes to an end, and it is time to salute our friends and dear ones -- specifically our families that continue to live through these wonderful adventures. In my personal case, for the past 50 years.

To OJ0X operators DH7SA, DL3DXX, DL5CW, SP5XVY, OH1TV, OH2BAD, OH2BO, OH5BM, OH1ND, SM0W and SM6U, I say thanks for a job well done.

Martti Laine, OH2BH
Radio Arcala

P.S. We are still on Market Reef and will keep two stations on until Monday evening European time. Hopefully not any longer.

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